

These two statements again produced by DC Mark Prince almost a year after the crime "show" that Benguit did not pick up the witness at 03.00 on 12/7/02 as agreed (ie., was therefore potentially at the scene of the crime); the bag of clothes recovered from the river Stour belonged to Benguit; and finally that he was found cleaning his flat from top to bottom (ie., an attempt to erase evidence).

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WITNESS STATEMENT

(CJ Act 1967, s.9; MC Act 1980, ss.5A(3) (a) and 5B; MC Rules 1981, r.70)

Statement of: MCNEILLY, BEVERLEY

Age if under 18: 018 (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: UNEMPLOYED

This statement (consisting of 7 page(s) each signed by me) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

Signed: Beverley McNeilly

Date: 07/03/2003

Further to my statement already made I would like to clarify and give more details to what I already said.

In relation to the male I referred to previously as Omar, I first met him while visiting a drugs house at 47 St Clements Road, Boscombe. At the time we were in the top flat occupied by a female dealer called Joan and since then I have been at the same address again with Omar to conduct drugs activities.

In my first statement I stated that Omar actually stayed at my home address for a period of time around the dates between about 4th July (04/07/2002) and 13th July (13/07/2002). I recall the incident which led to him actually coming in the first place as being an instance when we had just been to 47 St Clements Road. We got into a taxi to go to pick up Omar's car which is a small silver small two door car which I previously stated was a Peugeot but I now think to be a Renault. Having got into the taxi a black man I know to be called Hamish ELLIS appeared. Omar had previously told me he had a run in with Hamish when they were in prison. Myself and this male Hamish do not get on either and he was being aggressive towards me and was trying to get into the taxi. Omar was clearly scared of Hamish and he locked the doors of the taxi and was trying to get the driver to drive off. As a result of this confrontation Omar had already asked me if he could stay at my house as he seemed scared of what happened.

Moving on to the incidents of 11th July (11/07/2002) which I previously referred to I can again say I am certain of this date because of the importance of it in the Irish calendar.

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drug users at 1 Alexander Road . We smoked some crack cocaine and then made our way back home. I recall that we stopped at the One Stop convenience store in Southbourne. By now I would estimate that it was between 8.30am (0830) and 9.00 (0900)am . I remember that we purchased a Sun newspaper, a loaf of bread and two half dozen boxes of eggs that were reduced and displayed on the counter . I remember looking at the newspaper and noticing the date was the 11th of July 2002 (11/07/2002). I am certain of this date as it is a very significant date in Northern Irish history, being the night before the celebration of the Orange parade a night when Northern Irish people, such as myself, have bonfire parties and festivities before the parade on the 12th of July (12/07/2002). This date, because of my Protestant upbringing , always makes me think of my family. We went home and I went to bed as we had been up all the night but I think that Omar went out again.

I next saw Omar at about 7.00pm (1900) the same day, the 11th of July 2002 (11/07/2002). He had returned to the address and agreed to give me a lift to Boscombe so that I could go to work . Prior to doing this I remember giving Omar a pair of bright orange Nike Air trainers that used to belong to my boyfriend, Leon WRIGHT . I did this, as the trainers Omar was wearing were tatty and scruffy. Omar was thrilled with the gift, as they were hardly worn and almost brand new. Omar took me to Bascombe and dropped me off by the Bus station in Ashley Road. He then drove off after agreeing to collect me from this same point at 0300hrs the following morning , (i.e. 0300hrs the 11th of July 2002)(12/07/2002). Within five to ten minutes of Omar dropping me off, I was surprised to see Omar again in the area of Palmerston Road, near to the taxi office on foot. I assumed that he had parked his car close by but I don't know where. I did see him later, I think about 8.30 (2030) to 9.00 (2100) pm in the precinct area by McDonalds . He was talking to Shaun PHILLIPS . I returned to the area of the Bus Station at about 0300hrs to make my appointment with Omar but he did not arrive. I felt that this was unusual as Omar and I had spent just about every night together since he had moved in with me. I then used a local telephone kiosk to arrange the purchase of some drugs and then made my way home.

I did not see Omar during the day of the 11th of July (12/07/2002). I next saw him in the early hours of the 13th of July 2002 (13/07/2002). I was surprised to see that Omar had

changed his clothing and he was now no longer wearing the new training shoes that I had given him but was wearing a smelly old pair of white and yellow Reebok trainers . I asked him what had happened to the shoes that I had given him, he said that he had been home and changed.

The implication being that Benguit was busy murdering Oki at 02.50.

On Sunday the 14th of July 2002 (14/07/2002) I returned home to find Omar cleaning my house from top to bottom. This was not ordinary cleaning; the curtains were washed, everything was removed from the cupboards and washed and I found this to be an invasion of my privacy and asked Omar to leave .

I did see Omar again on a number of occasions as we had parted on good terms. Over the period I refer to I did notice a dramatic change in Omar's general appearance, although he was a drug user he had always previously been the type who wore designer clothes and took a pride in his appearance. However, since the end of June, he appeared to have let himself go and was not looking after himself and appeared to have 'lost the plot'.

I am aware that Omar has been arrested and charged with the murder of the Korean girl. This does surprise me as Omar was living with me over that period of time and he said nothing to me about it.

The police questioned me with regard to my association with Omar Benguit back in September 2002 (00/09/2002) . At that time I told the police what I knew and what forms the basis of this written statement. I did not make a written statement back in September as I did not feel able to nor could I see the relevance of what I had to say. However the police have advised me that my information is important to Omar as well as the investigation and it is for this reason that I have decided to make a statement.

I would add that at the time of the murder I did not own a mobile phone nor to my knowledge did Omar.

I will support any police action and will attend court if I have to

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In addition to my statement already made.

I have today been asked if I can recall anything about the clothing worn by Omar BENGUIT around the time of the events I previously described. All I can remember is that he usually wears smart casual clothing and he liked gear with designer labels. I know that he did actually wear some of my ex boyfriend Leon WRIGHT clothes such as the trainers I described in my previous statement.

Other than these trainers and possibly a pair of blue jeans I can not recall what he was wearing on the night of 11th July (11/07/2002) when I saw him in Boscombe at the back of the Sovereign Centre.

I have now been shown some photographs by DC PRINCE which are labelled as PJB/70 .

These photographs were of some items of clothing. One of these items was of a black short sleeved t shirt with the La-Coste motif on the left side of the chest. I immediately recognised this as being identical to one which was owned by Leon and left at my house when he went to prison.

Leon was quite tall so I would imagine the size would probably have been large. I do not know the current whereabouts of this T-shirt but have not seen it for some time. I do not think it is any longer at my house.

Amongst the other items of clothing was a black long sleeved hooded top with the motif 'Nike Hoops' across the chest. I again recognised this as being an item of clothing I have previously

seen being worn by Omar at some time. However I am not sure as to when this was.

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